

(Code Change 780CMR904.1-2-14-06E1)

Amend Section 904.1 by adding an Exception 4. to the list of Exceptions in 780 CMR 904.1 to read:

4. Sprinklers shall not be required in noncombustible and limited combustible concealed spaces and plenums that contain electrical, data, communications and other cables that are of the types and in the configurations permitted in such spaces by the Massachusetts Electrical Code (527 CMR 12).

Note:

- 1. Exception 4 implements a moratorium that is intended to be effective from February 14, 2006 to until September 30, 2007. During this period, a Technical Advisory Committee, requested by and approved by the BBRS, will be meeting to evaluate sprinkler requirements under the circumstances identified. Said Advisory Committee is charged with reporting back to the BBRS its findings and recommendations relative to the mission statement approved by the Board at its March 14, 2006 meeting.*
- 2. Such moratorium is to be applied in such manner that retroactive requirements for sprinklers in such spaces will not be imposed on existing installations or on installations constructed/reconstructed during the period of the Moratorium.*
- 3. The moratorium does not apply where such concealed spaces are combustible concealed spaces and such spaces require sprinklering in accordance with the applicable Building Code-required Sprinkler Standard.*
- 4. The moratorium does not apply where such concealed spaces and plenums of non-combustible or limited combustible construction have non-cable or other combustible loading. Such areas shall be protected in accordance with 780 CMR or in accordance with the applicable Building Code required sprinkler standard.*
- 5. Such moratorium would not apply where an insurer requires such sprinklering or the property owner chooses to install sprinklers to protect such areas.*